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REMARKS

To expedite the resolution of the above-captioned case under final rejection, Applicants file this amendment after final rejection, but before jurisdiction has passed to the Board (see M.P.E.P. §§ 1207, 1210).

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "An isolated antibody...." Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at paragraph [0246] of the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment conforms to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as it places the claims in better form for appeal. The amendment does not necessitate a new search, does not raise an issue of new matter, does not present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims, and does not otherwise introduce new issues (see M.P.E.P. § 1207). Therefore Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered for purposes of appeal.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if any issues may be resolved by telephone.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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